

EXECUTIVE ORDER

No. 76-7

RELATING TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF STATEWIDE  
PLANS, PROGRAMS AND PROCEDURES FOR DISASTER  
PREPAREDNESS

WHEREAS, the safety of persons and property within the State of Arizona may be threatened by conditions of extreme peril resulting from the effects of natural or man-caused disasters which endanger life, property and resources of the State; and,

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the State of Arizona to develop and maintain a high degree of preparedness for protection from and response to such conditions and, to provide assistance for establishing, organizing and maintaining disaster preparedness plans and programs within the political subdivisions of the State; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that specific functions and responsibilities be assigned to certain State agencies in relation to disaster preparedness and the provision of emergency services; and,

WHEREAS, in order that the most effective use be made of all resources and facilities that are available or may be available to cope with any disaster, it is necessary that all plans and programs within the State relating to disaster preparedness be coordinated to the extent practicable with similar services of the State, its political subdivisions, the Federal government and agencies of the private sector;

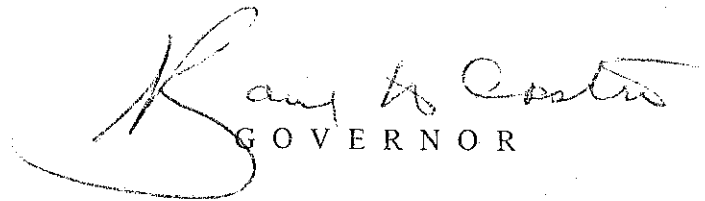
NOW THEREFORE, by virtue of the powers and authority vested in the Governor of the State of Arizona by the Constitution and laws of this State and in accordance with the provisions of Section 26-302 Arizona Revised Statutes, it is ordered as follows:

1. The Director, Arizona Division of Emergency Services, within the Department of Emergency and Military Affairs is responsible for the development and coordination of State plans for meeting conditions constituting a state of emergency or state of war emergency, except those emergency plans specifically assigned to other State agencies, and the submission thereof to me for promulgation. Further, the Director, is hereby designated as the Governor's Authorized Representative for Federal disaster assistance, and will also serve as the State Coordinating Officer for such assistance.
2. The head of each department, bureau, board, commission and independent institution in State government, hereinafter referred to as an agency, is responsible for the emergency planning and preparedness within such agency and, shall designate a responsible staff position within such agency to function as agency coordinator for emergency preparedness matters.
3. The State emergency plans shall delineate specific assignments of emergency functions to state agencies cognizant of similarities between emergency functions or assignments and routine functions and responsibilities.
4. Each state agency shall prepare intra-agency plans, checklists or procedural guides necessary to insure accomplishment of emergency assignments as specified in State emergency plans. Intra-agency plans shall contain sufficient information to insure:
  - a. Timely notification and activation of agency personnel for response activities.
  - b. Protection of agency personnel, equipment, supplies, facilities and vital public records against the destructive forces of disaster.
  - c. Utilization of minimum resources in the continuation of normal services and redirection of all other resources to accomplish objectives in accordance with the State emergency plans.

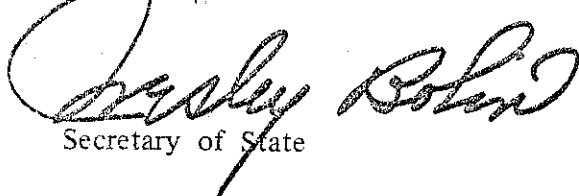
5. Authority is hereby granted each State agency to train employees in the execution of emergency assignments through intra-agency training programs or through participation in training programs offered by the Division of Emergency Services.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona.

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix this third day of August in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-six and of the Independence of the United States the Two Hundredth.

  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

  
Secretary of State